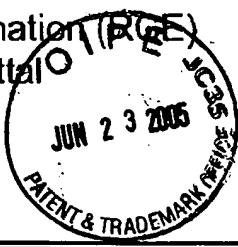


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Filing Date	12/02/1999
First Named Inventor	Frank M.G. Doerenberg
Art Unit	2176
Examiner Name	Nguyen, Chau T.
Attorney Docket Number	543-98-015

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i. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Rely Brief previously filed on _____

ii. Other Amendment/Reply filed May 12, 2005

b. Enclosed

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iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. Other _____

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

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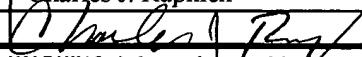
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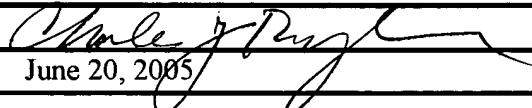
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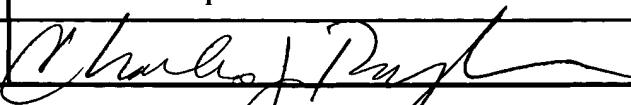
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